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Gordon Bethune, Chairman & CEO Continental Micronesia c/o Continental Airlines Inc. 2929 Allen Parkway Suite 1501 Houston, TX 77019

## WARNING LETTER

## Dear Mr. Bethune:

On August 18 and 19, 1998, FDA Investigator Lorna F. Jones conducted an inspection of your airline watering point at A.B. Won Pat International Airport located in Tamuning, Guam. Your operations are in serious violation of the federal regulations for interstate conveyance sanitation, Part 1250 (21 CFR 1250), and Section 361 of the Public Health Service Act. Observations by FDA Investigator Jones were listed on Form FDA 483, Inspectional Observations.

One serious violation in your firm's potable water operations for aircraft was observed by Investigator Jones, the lack of a backflow prevention device on the main potable water line used for providing water to your company's aircraft. Additionally, the potable water holding tank lacks the required labeling "Potable Water Use Only". The failure to protect the potable water system from contamination could lead to a serious disease outbreak aboard aircraft serviced at the A.B. Won Pat International Airport.

These conditions are likely to result in contamination of potable water within the meaning of Sections 402(a)(3) and/or 402 (a)(4) of the Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act. Delivery of, or causing the delivery of adulterated water into interstate commerce is prohibited by Section 301(a) of the Act.

At the conclusion of the inspection, Investigator Jones issued the Form FDA 483, Inspectional Observations to Mr. Joaquin "Bo" Thompson, Regulatory Compliance Auditor.

Based on these findings, your facilities have been assessed a "Provisional" classification. A "Provisional" classification means that if the deficiencies are not corrected within thirty (30) working days from receipt of this notification, your firm will be placed on "Not Approved" status. A "Not Approved" status means that water will be prohibited from use by interstate conveyances at your aircraft watering point facility.

Failure to take prompt corrective action may result in appropriate regulatory action, such as injunction, without further notice. You should notify this office within fifteen (15) working days of receipt of this letter of the specific steps you have taken to correct the violations, including an explanation of preventive measures taken to preclude recurrence of similar violations. If corrective action cannot be completed within fifteen working days, cite the reason for the delay and the time by which the corrections will be completed. Your response should be sent to:

Mr. Randall P. Zielinski, CSO/ITS Food and Drug Administration 1431 Harbor Bay Parkway Alameda, CA 94502

You may wish to FAX your response to Mr. Zielinski at (510) 337-6703.

Sincerely,

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